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Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following
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In the Specification:

Page 3, lines 4-5, delete "The Applicants' copending U.S. application 297 791, filed
on January 17, 1989" and insert -U.S. application serial no. 611,383, filed November 2,
1990, now U.S. Patent 5 081 026, which is a continuation of U.S. application serial no.
297,791, filed January 17, 1989, now abandoned-.

In the Claims:

1. (Three Times Amended) A process for the simultaneous production of xylitol and